

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Peter Manus on 5/20/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

10. (Currently amended) A non-transitory recording medium storing a computer program for information communication for notifying a managing device of device information collected regarding a management target device by electric mail, wherein:

said information communication includes the steps of selecting local to the target device which of the collected device information is to be converted into mail data and which of the collected information is to be converted into attached data, and converting the collected device information into all of (i) a header indicative of a destination and a title, (ii) attached data that is confidential information indicative of a state of the target device and (iii) mail data that is non-confidential information indicative of a state of the target device in an electric mail format, in accordance with said selecting and, upon arrangement of the device information into the header, attached data and mail data, transmitting a single electric mail containing all of the header, the attached data and the mail data to the managing device in a state in which attached confidential information cannot be accessed without a dedicated program used by said managing device;

on-going selection of information being performed by the information selecting portion provided in the device and the selected information being sent.

Claims 11-32 (Cancelled)

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Motoyama 6,631,247 patent is the closest piece of prior art found. Motoyama does not disclose Applicant's system of sending an email with status information to the recipient, where the email consists of a header, a confidential attachment providing device status information, created by a proprietary program located on the managed device and which must be opened by the recipient using the same proprietary program, and an email body which is not confidential and also provides device status information. The transmission of status information in both a confidential attachment which must be opened using a proprietary program specific to the device, and transmission of status information in a non-confidential email body, simultaneously in the same email, is not taught or obvious over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey R. Swearingen whose telephone number is (571)272-3921. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivek Srivastava can be reached on 571-272-7304. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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